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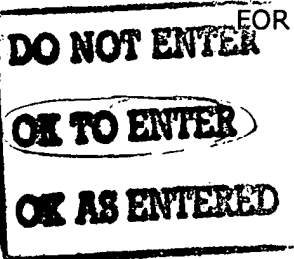
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Applicants: Shigetoshi Segawa et al. : Art Unit: 1734  
Serial No.: 09/445,892 : Examiner: M. C. Mayes  
Filed: April 24, 2000 :  
FOR: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A :  
MULTI-LAYERED CERAMIC : **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
SUBSTRATE : **37 C.F.R. § 1.116**



**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Responsive to the Final Office Action dated **February 4, 2003**, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks that follow. Accordingly, reconsideration and removal of rejections under 35 USC § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

**AMENDMENT**

Please cancel claims 5 and 11.

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (Four Times Amended) A method for manufacturing a multi-layered ceramic substrate, said method comprising the steps of:

forming a shrinkage suppression sheet comprising a ceramic material on at least one face of an unfired green sheet laminated body;